

State College, Pa.

— Feb. 28 - 1904.

Mr. Wm White, Jr.,

Dear Sir: -

Because of a long-standing interest, and deep feeling for the dear Historic Church and her welfare, I would wish, a more intimate knowledge of the facts which have lead up to the proceedings announced in the letters of recent date.

Church during the vacation
periods, but in the short-
spring vacation which begins
the last of March I shall
expect to be present at
the election of the vestry.

Sincerely

Anna E. Redifer,
State College,
Pa.

Most of my childhood's days were associated with Christ Church, and as a young woman I taught in the Sunday School, and also in that of Calvary Monumental; but the profession of teacher of Industrial Art has kept me much away from my native city.

For fourteen years State College has been practically my home and circumstances have conspired to take me away from the

Philadelphia,

February 29th, 1904.

In re Rector of Christ Church.

Mr. William White, Jr.

Accounting Warden.

Dear Sir:-

Since our conversation a few days ago we have given careful consideration to the provision of the Canon under which it is sought to dissolve the relations between Christ Church and its Rector.

In a general way you will need to convince the Bishop and his advisers that the differences are such that the best interests of the Parish require a dissolution of the pastoral relation. As the Canon does not specify any particular method of procedure we are left somewhat in the dark, but we are informed that in two previous cases which occurred in this Diocese the Vestrymen simply stated the differences in an informal way to the Bishop, and of course the Rector had an opportunity to tell his story.

If this case is simply a question of differences it then rests with the ecclesiastical authority to determine whether these differences are of a sufficiently serious nature to warrant a dissolution. If, however, the difficulty is of a graver nature, and involves moral questions the evidence must be obviously of a more precise character.

We have understood that untruthfulness, dishonesty and the excessive use of liquor are alleged. Now if any of these charges are to be pressed, they must be proved with reasonable certainty. It will

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not do for example, for a witness to say that he believes the Rector to be addicted to the immoderate use of liquor, and then on cross examination say that somebody told him so. The somebody who saw the Rector under the influence of liquor would have to be produced. It will not do to allege untruthfulness, unless the witness is prepared to give facts to establish the allegation, and the same as to allegations of dishonesty.

It may be that one or two or all of these charges can be well substantiated, but if the evidence which can be produced as to any one of them does not seem to fairly establish it, that particular charge had better not be brought forward at all, as a failure to prove a serious charge would certainly weaken our case.

Of course it is impossible for counsel to promise results, but we think, from our recent conference with Rector's counsel, that if the Vestry have a substantial case, and not a mere fighting chance, it will be possible to secure the Rector's resignation without the necessity of a hearing.

We do not wish you or your colleagues to infer from this that we express any opinion upon the merits; that would be impossible, for we do not know precisely what the allegations are, or what proof will be forthcoming to sustain them. Our object in writing is simply to indicate to you the lines of proof that will be necessary, and

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we shall ask you and your colleagues to confer together as to what charges you will press, holding ourselves ready at any time to advise and consult with you on any phase of the matter in which we can be of assistance.

Very sincerely yours

Francis A. Lewis -

Paul Lewis

1 March, 1904.

My dear Miss Medifer:

I am in receipt of your favor of February 28th, and will ask you to kindly pardon my typewritten reply. Everyone at Christ Church is exceedingly sorry at the unfortunate condition of affairs. The Vestry have, for many years, been considering the relation of the Rector to the Parish and what course of action they should take, and since the Easter election of 1901 it has been clear to them, as far as they could judge, that Dr. Stevens' usefulness at Christ Church was ended. Since that time the object of the Vestry has been to bring about the separation of the Pastoral connection of Dr. Stevens with as little injury to himself and the Parish as possible, and although he has been aware of our wishes since at least May, 1902, if not before, we have found that he intends to remain if possible in the Parish, and it was therefore necessary for us to pass the resolution of which a copy was sent you, asking for his resignation by April 30th, 1904, with salary to the end of the year. Of course the reason for giving him salary to that period was so that he and his family would have means of support for eight months, within which time he might be able to obtain other employment. The reasons which have compelled the Vestry to request Dr. Stevens' resignation are too many to set out in a letter. The Parish in its present condition is evidence of the need of the desired resignation of Dr. Stevens. You will recall in Dr. Foggo's time how the body of the Church was always filled, sometimes people being in the galleries. At the present time of our own congregation we seldom have thirty, the rest being strangers, and the number seldom exceeding seventyfive.

You probably have seen in the newspapers many articles about this matter, some reported as interviews by members of the vestry, etc., and I feel it is but right to inform you that the members of the Vestry long ago agreed that they would not talk for publication, and the interviews as reported are in most cases fallacious and have been written in behalf of Dr. Stevens, some even being furnished by himself, as he admitted to us. In view of the fact that the matter has now been placed in the hands of Bishop Whitaker, the Vestry are of opinion that as little as possible publicity should be given to it, and that such charges as we have should not be made public until after Bishop Whitaker had decided the matter. There is, however, a duty owed by the Vestry to each set and pew holder to advise them

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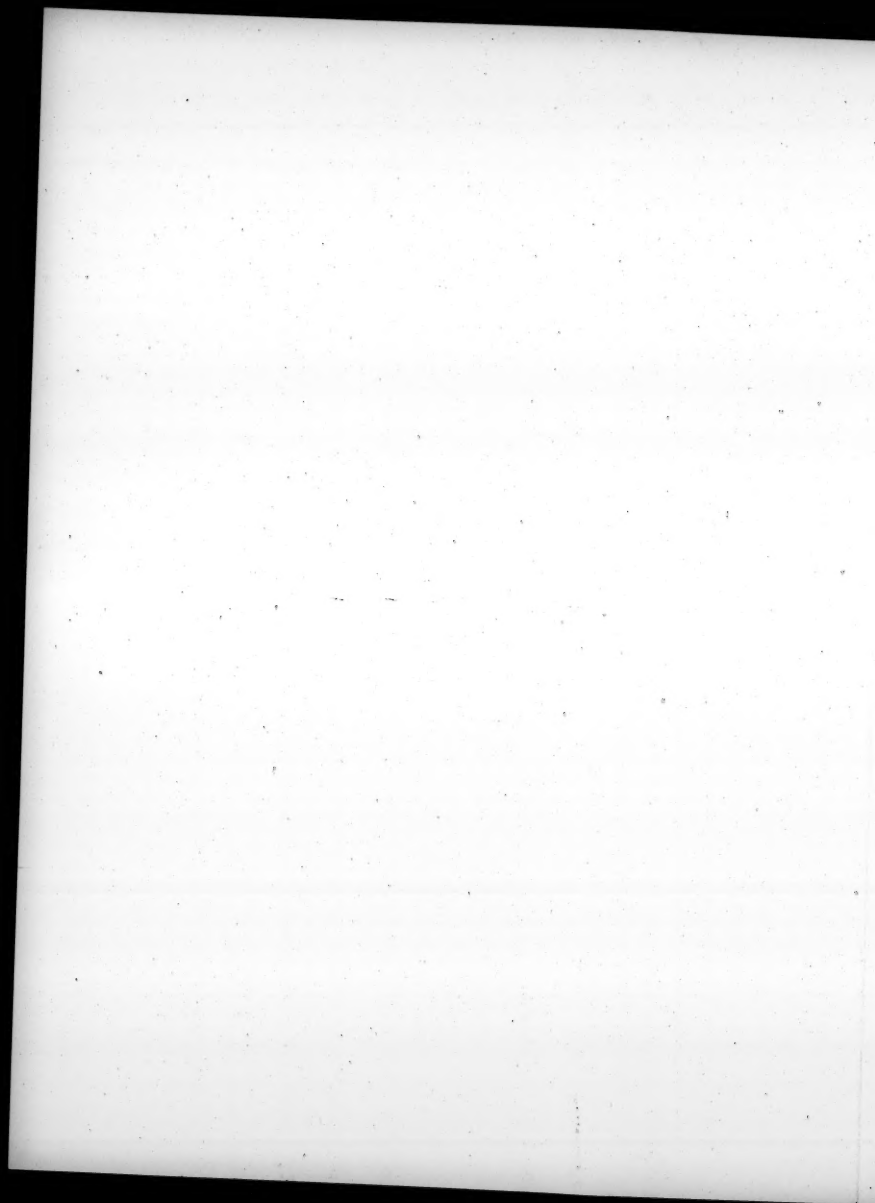
them what reasons we have for our actions, and if you will advise me when you will be in Philadelphia, I shall be very glad to call upon you, or if more convenient to you have you stop at my office, and shall give you in person all the facts in reference to this regretted matter.

It is very important for us that each voter shall be present at the Easter election, and I am going to ask you, for the sake of the Parish, to make every effort to be present at that time, and by supporting the Vestry's ticket, show your approval of their action, taken with the utmost regret but deemed absolutely necessary for the best interests of Christ Church. Knowing that it was virtually impossible for you to attend to the Church, I have many times thought, these last few years, when sending you pew bills, that your interest must be great in this old Parish to induce you to continue to hold a sitting although not able to attend.

Hoping to have the pleasure of seeing you when you are in Philadelphia the last of March, and hoping that you will write me again if my reply is not a satisfactory answer to your letter, I am,

Very truly yours,

Miss Anna E. Redifer,
State College, Pa.



520 Spruce St.
March 1st 1904.

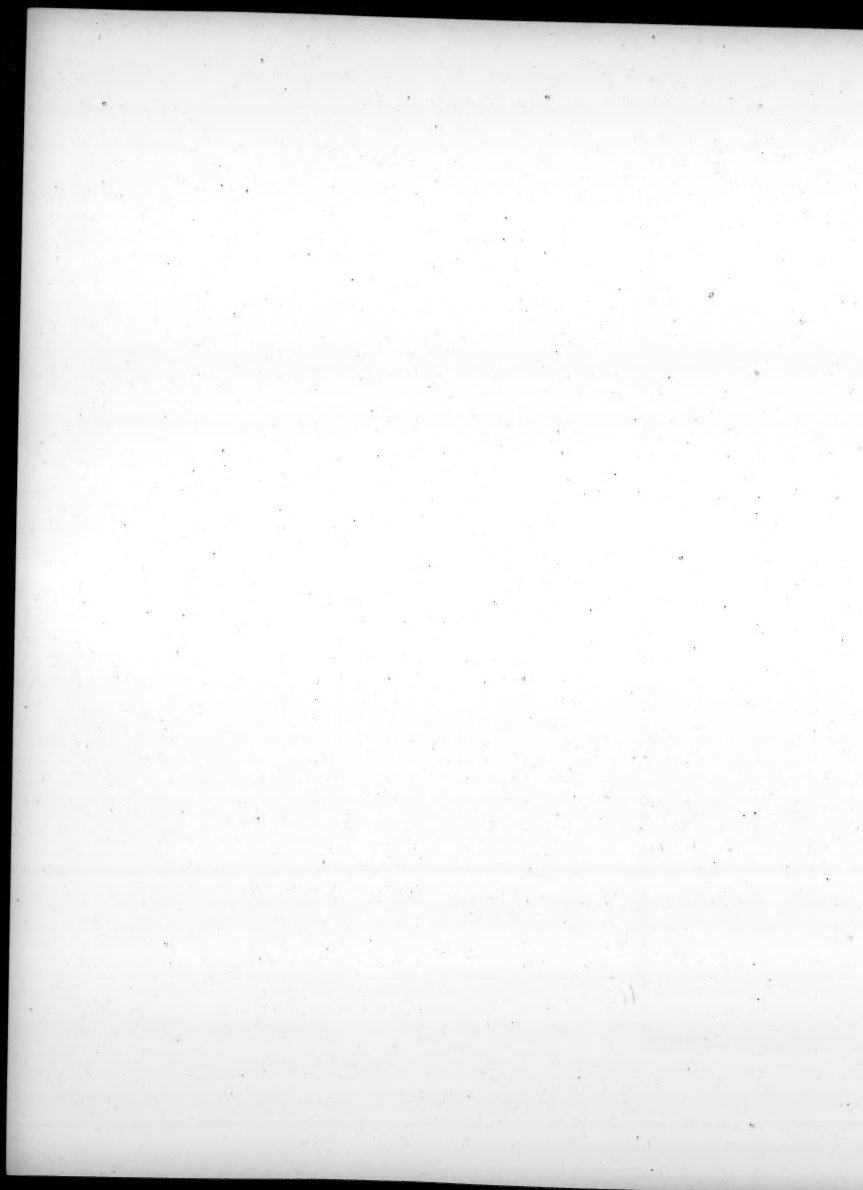
Mr. Wm. White Jr.

Dear Sir:

I resigned
my position as teacher of the
Parish School, June, 1896.

According to my recollection,
the enrolment of the school,
during the last two years,
was between twenty-five
and thirty; the average at-
tendance, about twenty.

I think the roll books are



at the Church. Should you
want more accurate information,
I will ask the Sesson
for them.

My salary was three hundred
dollars a year.

Very truly yours

Mary L. Applebaugh.

My dear Mr. White

I heartily wish I
could send a substantial check to
help cover all this vexations &
unnecessary expense occasioned by
the course pursued by the Rector,
as that is impossible, I send
only my just dues.

Yours in hearty sympathy with
the Vestry.

Charlotte B. Larker.

March 2-1904.

ROWLAND EVANS,

ATTORNEY-AT-LAW.

No. 225 SOUTH SIXTH STREET.

Philadelphia, March 10th, 1904

In re Christ Church

William White, Jr., Esq.,

Accounting Warden.

My dear Sir:-

Replying to your question I would say, that it is perfectly well settled that members of a corporation have no right to vote by proxy at a corporation election unless such right is expressly conferred by the charter or by a ^{valid} ~~ballot~~ by-law of the corporation; Commonwealth v. Bringhurst, 103 Pa. 134; Craig v. The Church, 7 Norris, 42.

I cannot find that this rule has been changed by statute, and I believe there is no such right conferred by the charter or by-laws of Christ Church.

The right of members of a corporation to vote ~~acc~~umulatively is expressly conferred by section 4 of article 16 of the Constitution of this Commonwealth, and if Christ Church Corporation has placed itself under the constitution, ³¹⁰⁷⁴ as I understand is the case, it follows that such manner of voting for vestrymen is lawful; nor is it necessary that the voter shall announce his intention to so vote. In Pierce v. The Commonwealth, 104 Pa. 150, the Supreme Court said, "up to the very moment of voting he has the positive right to exercise his own will in the matter."

Yours truly,

[Signature]

Accumulative voting

*Conant v. Flannery
203 Pa 28 - 1902
to same effect*

*See also Conant v. Yetter
170 Pa. 488*

*see Hays v. Conant 82 Pa 518
see Baring Co appeal 120 Pa 1
Baker v. H. 109 Pa 461
Jenney v. Butternorth 160 Pa 55*

10 March, 1904.

My dear Mr. Coles:

At a meeting of the committee held yesterday, the voters of Christ Church were apportioned among different members of the Vestry, and the committee will be very much pleased if you will ask Mrs. St. George Tucker Campbell and Mrs. James Mifflin to be present at the election on Easter Monday and vote in support of the Vestry. I understood you to tell me that Mrs. Campbell would be away. We are consulting with our counsel who expect to advise us shortly whether proxies can be used, and I shall advise you of their decision. Dr. Stevens has applied for and will receive today a complete list of the voters. Whether he purposes to attempt to run another ticket or simply canvass in his support, I do not know. I am aware that you are away, but suppose this letter will be forwarded to you. There is nothing new in the situation here and everything is satisfactory.

Our counsel would like very much to have a statement from you as to what you will testify to before the Bishop and the Standing Committee. If you can send

this

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this to me I will have it typewritten and submit with the others which I am receiving. I shall also send you a copy thereof.

Trusting that you are enjoying your visit at Hot Springs, I am,

Very truly yours,

Edward Coles, Esqr.,

205 S. Sixth Street.



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Hot Springs, Va. March 11. 1902

Dear Mr. White.

Your note was received today and I have written to Mrs. Mifflin as requested which I now enclose, as I have no idea of her address. Will you kindly add it. Mr. Campbell, if present, will undoubtedly go to the meeting & vote for us.

In regard to my statement, as it will principally deal with the interview on May - 1902., it seems to me I had better go over the matter with the Coates and see how far we agree in memory with what took place: it is important, if possible, that there should not be any conflicting testimony, especially as we were listened to.

I expect to be back by March 30th or 31st.
Has any reply ever been made by the Bishop

and if so when does the hearing take
place.

Yours truly
Edward Coley

W. White of Ips



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Hot Springs, Va. Sunday 190

Dear Mr White.

I sent you yesterday a note to
Mrs Miffline - today I have yours of
yesterday. Mr Coles is writing a note
to Ralston on my behalf - I enclose it.
Will you find out where he is - he was
a week ago at Fort Monroe on leave,
but may have returned. Please see
that he really gets it, as every vote
will count. I am very sorry to trouble
you. Mr Peters ought to be even again
by some one I urged to support us - he
signed under a misapprehension the
Restons paper. Dr Chalmer's Dr Costa

I have also signed - Can he not be
approached?

Yours very truly
Edward Fols.

Wm White Jr

State College, Pa.
Mch 18. 1904.

Mr. Wm White, Jr.,

Dear Sir:-

Yours of the eleventh
and one of previous date
were duly received. The delay
in answering was occasioned
by uncertainty of the time when
I shall be in Philadelphia.

Our vacation is but
seven days long and practically
two of mine are consumed in

but would wish to be fully
informed, before taking part
in it, though I am persuaded
that the gentlemen whose names
appear on the Vestry Ticket have
the interests of the Dear Old Church
too much at heart to do anything
they thought - could be detrimental
to those interests.

Very sincerely
Anna E. Redifer

travelling. Having some matters
of business in Philadelphia
and Baltimore I have asked
for an extension of time which
has not yet been granted. If
it is granted I may be in Phila.
on the twenty-sixth - If not - on
the second, when I shall hope
to call at your office, as I shall
be with my brother's family out
of the city, and fear an attempt
to have a time of meeting there
might inconvenience one or both
of us.

I was not led by mere
curiosity to inquire into the
reasons for the Vestry's action,

16 March, 1904.

Dear Sir:

I shall be very much obliged to you if you will advise me whether Christ Church made any contribution to the Episcopal Hospital for the year 1897, and also the amount in 1898. If it would not be too much trouble I would like to have verified that the amount in 1896 was \$11.40, in 1898, \$36.39, and the amount in 1899, \$13.04. These amounts were of course sent to your father while he was Treasurer, and if the books in your possession do not extend back to the periods asked about, I shall be obliged if you will advise me to whom to apply for the desired information. With regret at having to trouble you, I am,

Very truly yours,

Accounting Warden, Christ Church.

George H. Frazier, Esqr., Treasurer,
Episcopal Hospital.

16 March, 1904.

Dear Sir:

Will you kindly inform me whether Christ Church made any contribution in the year 1901 to the Christmas fund? I shall also be obliged to you if you will verify my figures as follows: For the year 1900 Christ Church gave \$44., and for the year 1902, \$25.29. If there were any other sums given by Christ Church for either of these years, I shall be obliged if you will give me them.

Very truly yours,

Accounting Warden, Christ Church.

George H. Fisher, Esq., Treasurer,
208 Walnut Street.

OFFICE OF
GEORGE H. FISHER,
308 WALNUT STREET

Telephone, Market 49-15 A

Philadelphia, 17 Dec 1904

Dear Sir,
Ily books as Treas- of
the Christmas Fund show
the following contributions for

Ch-Church	
Apr 17 1900	44
1901	none
Apr 5 1902	25-29
Feb 26 1903	27-16

Yrs very truly
G. H. Fisher

Wm. White M^r

over

Year ending Apr 30 - 1892 #20

1893 55.25

1894 36.14

1895 21.02

1896 108.04

1897 —

1898 {¹⁰23.80} → April 12 - 1898

1899 11.45 { wrote for it
May 24 - 1899

1900 44. April 5 - 1900

1901 —

Recd by ~~Asst~~ Warden
Dec 26 - 1891

" 31 - 1892

Jan 4 - 1894

Feb. 23 - 1895

Feb 7 - 1896

Brought by Sexton
to accounting
warden after
May 1891 =

1902 25.29

Dec. 1902

1903 27.16

Jan 1 - 1903

Hospital of the Protestant Episcopal Church

GEORGE H. FRAZIER
TREASURER
8. E. COR. 4TH AND CHESTNUT STS.
PHILADELPHIA

March 17th, 1904.

Wm. White, Jr., Esq., Acct'g Warden,
714 Arcade Bldg, Phila.

Dear Sir:

Replying to your favor of March 16th, I find upon reference to the records, that the Hospital received from Christ Church on March 24, 1896, \$11.40; there does not appear to have been anything received in 1897; on April 11th, 1898, \$36.39 and on December 13th, 1898, \$13.04. Again in 1899 there does not appear that anything was received and on April 18th, 1900, the credit is \$22.67.

Trusting that the above information will be what you desire,

I remain,

Yours respectfully,

George H. Frazier
Treasurer

over

Year ending apr 30-1892	# 100 =	Rec'd by Acct Warden nov 26-1891
1893	47.80	Nov 27-1892
1894	43.81	Dec 18-1893
1895	23.23	Dec 3-1894
1896	11.40	" 12-1895
1897	—	
1898	36.39	Dec 7-1897
1899	13.04	" 8-1898
1900	22.67	April 6-1900
1901	34.69	Dec 4-1900
Rec'd by acct Warden from Sexton	1902 35.36	" 4-1901
	1903 17.07	" 1-1902

March 21, 1904.

Dear Sir:-

There is a matter of much importance to Christ Church, about which I regret to have to annoy you for I fear it will add to your labors. We desire with dates an itemised statement of the annual amounts sent you from Christ Church, Philadelphia, either by Thomas H. Montgomery or William White Jr. accounting wardens, or the Rev. C. Ellis Stevens LL.D. D.C.L. Rector for

1. Domestic Missions.
2. Foreign "
3. Indian "
4. General "

each for the years from 1891 to 1904 inclusive.

Regretting exceedingly the necessity of troubling you, I am

Very Truly Yours

Accounting Warden, Christ Church,
Philadelphia, Pa.

George C. Thomas, Esq.

Treasurer.

Church Mission House,

New York City.

22 March, 1804.

My dear Mrs. Berry:

In furtherance of our conversation on Sunday, I again desire to tell you that you can be perfectly free in every respect as regards your taking around a petition asking for signatures of the Sunday School scholars, etc., without the slightest feeling that the Vestry, either individually or collectively, will in any way consider your action as unfair to them. I also desire to assure you that I shall be very glad to meet you or you and your brother at any time, and give you fully the reasons which have compelled the Vestry to take this course. I desire to call your attention to the fact that in the notice which was sent out by direction of the Vestry on February 23rd last to each seat and pew holder, is the statement that the action of the vestry taken on December 16th last, namely asking for Dr. Stevens' resignation, was not a hasty one, but the result of long and careful consideration of the relation of the Rector to the parish, and of the Rector's interests and of the welfare of the parish. I beg to enclose you herewith a copy of this letter, which I regret to say has appeared in the papers. As stated to you in our conversation, the Vestry has refused to be interviewed, and had done everything it possibly could to prevent any publicity whatsoever.

Yours very truly,

Mrs. Katherine B. Berry,

2045 Chestnut Street.

DR. JOHN C. DA COSTA,
1022 SPRUCE STREET

Philadelphia, March 23 1901,

Dear Mr White

I saw Jesse Thorn
this P.M. - he came to ask questions.
He will come to see you
in a day or two - pay his
few cent, and vote the voting ticket

Saw Mr Montgomery who will
also be on hand -

Yours truly
John C. Da Costa

And I shall most
prayerfully avail; The
decision of Bishop Whitaker
and trust that God alone
will lead in this important
matter - that everything
may be settled for the
best welfare of the Parish
And Dr. Stevens, I must
ask you to consider
this final
yours sincerely
A. R. W. Denny.

March 23rd 1904

2849 Chestnut Street -

My dear Mr White
Your letter received
this evening, and I beg
you will excuse me
from calling on you
regarding the action
the Vestry have taken
with Dr Stevens

I have found in my
visits through the Parish
that - he is held in
very kind regard

24 March, 1904.

My dear Mr. Thorn:

Mr. John H. Creth has come in to see me, and told me that in a conversation you had with him yesterday, you had informed him that Dr. Stevens had been to see you, as well as Mrs. Berry, and that Dr. Stevens had told you that I was provoked at you because of your action in the election of 1901. I desire to most decidedly contradict this statement, because I recall ^{and} I made a note of it at the time that you were most frank and pleasant to me, and told me about your voting, and when Dr. Stevens, the Sunday after Easter, came up to you and made some remark to you about "It went just the way we wanted, everything is all right", you turned around and smiled and nodded at me at the time.

I am also informed by Mr. Creth that Dr. Stevens told you that the Vestry were not unanimous in the feeling that it was best for the welfare of the Parish that Dr. Stevens should go, and were also not active in carrying this matter forward, and I beg to contradict both of these statements and to inform you that every member of the Vestry considers Dr. Stevens' usefulness at Christ Church ended, and that we have no intention of relinquishing our painful duty until the Bishop has given a positive answer to our request for him to sever the relationship of Dr. Stevens as Rector of Christ Church.

The members of the Vestry would appreciate very much, if you feel that you can do so, your being present at and voting for them on Easter Monday between 12 and 1 o'clock, as it would be an evidence on your part of your confidence in them in this most painful but necessary duty for the welfare of the Parish.

Again assuring you, where I hope it is not necessary, that I have always considered you perfectly frank and open with me and felt the same towards yourself, I remain,

Very truly yours,

Mr. Jesse Thorn,

700 Central Avenue,

S. Garden, N. J.

P. S. Mr. Creth has heard this letter dictated and approves of it.

March 25/904.

Dear Mr. White,

Referring to your
inquiry as to Mrs.
Whinnigill's testimony,
I understood that
the Rector has several
times alluded to the
subject and approved
given by my sister,
who was at one time
Rector's warden. This
argument was also
used to justify her.

The fact is that my
father felt that the
action of the Vestry
in calling the Rector
was a mistake and
to be regretted.

Yr. truly yours,
Edw. M. Bates

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NEW YORK March 28th, 1904.

Mr. Wm. White, Jr.,
Accounting Warden, Christ Church,
714 Arcade Building,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Dear Sir:

In answer to your letter of March 21st, I beg to hand you herewith an itemized statement of all contributions received from Christ Church, Philadelphia, from September 1st, 1891, to March 26th, 1904, giving the dates thereof in the order in which they were received; also the name of the person making the remittance and the purpose to which the several amounts were to be applied. I hope this will furnish you with all the information you desired to have.

Yours very truly,

E. Walter Roberts
Assistant Treasurer.

*Contributions to Domestic and Foreign Missions
from Christ Church, Philadelphia 1891 to Mar 26th 1904*

1891

Jan. 21.	T. H. Montgomery, Actg. Warden	Domestic	\$ 330 03 ✓
Feb. 27.	Treas Indian Hope Assoc.	Indian	31 -
" 28	T. H. Montgomery, Actg. Warden	Foreign	114 53
Apr. 27.	" "	Domestic	216 52
" "	" " Special Rev Mr Leavin's work, Galveston, Texas		10 -
" 1.	Treas Indian Hope Assoc.	Indian	7 -

1892

Feb. 10.	" " " "	"	26 50
Mar. 22.	T. H. Montgomery Actg. Warden	Domestic	70 94
" "	" "	Foreign	234 23
Apr. 2.	Treas Indian Hope Assoc.	Indian	9 -
May 16.	Rev. C. Ellis Stevens, Tenten offering of Mary A. Stevens, for Rev. C. S. Cook's work So Dak.		5 30
" 31.	Woman Aux. Sp. Dom. contingent Fund		2 62
June 13.	Treas Indian Hope Assoc.	Indian	9 -
Nov. 25.	Woman's Aux. Sp. St John's Church, Osaka		1 -
" "	" " " Miss Bull's Orphanage, "		5 -

1893

Feb. 24.	Treas Indian Hope Assoc.	Indian	21
Mar 22.	Woman Aux. Sp. Foreign Insurance		4
Apr. 26.	T. H. Montgomery Actg. Warden	Domestic	211 02
" "	" "	Foreign	80 16
" "	" " Sp. Rev. J. B. Massiah's Mission School, Cairo, Ill.		25 -
" 19.	Woman Aux. " A. J. Rumney's schp. Tokyo		5 -
May 20.	Treas Indian Hope Assoc.	Indian	22 -
" 17.	Rev. C. Ellis Stevens, Tenten offering of Mary A. Stevens for Bishop Hare's Ind work		7 -
June 17.	Woman's Aux. Miss McRae's salary China		14 48 5

1894				1448.85
Feb. 26.	Treas. Indian Hope Assoc.	Indian	23 -	
Apr. 7.	" " "	"	8 -	
" 18.	Woman's Aux. Sp. Foreign Insurance Fund		4 -	
May 24.	" " Sp. building St Paul's School, Tokyo		10 -	
June 11.	Treas. Indian Hope Assoc.	Indian	9 -	
" 12.	Rev. C. Ellis Stevens, Mita Chert & Mayorga A. Stevens, Sp. Bishop of Oklahoma		8 -	
Oct. 17.	Woman's Aux. Sp. Foreign Insurance		2 -	
Nov. 21.	" " " " " " " " " " " "		4 -	
1895				
Feb. 1.	Treas. Indian Hope Assoc.	Indian	10 -	
1896				
Feb. 8.	Wm. White Jr. Acty. Warden.	General	20.58	
Apr. 20.	Treas. Indian Hope Assoc.	Indian	20 -	
May 1.	Wm. White Jr. Sunday Sch. Offg.	Japan	22.4	
1897				
Mar. 3.	Treas. Indian Hope Assoc.	Indian	34 -	
" 3.	Wm. White Jr.	General	15.78	
Apr. 6.	" "	Domestic	20 -	
July 2.	" Sunday School Offg.	Foreign	27.68	
1898				
Apr. 13.	" "	General	31.80	
June 22.	Treas. Indian Hope Assoc.	Indian	10 -	
1899				
Feb. 17.	Wm. White Jr.	Domestic	51.46	
" "	" "	Foreign	16.87	
Mar. 30.	Treas. Indian Hope Assoc.	Indian	35 -	
May 19.	Dioecesan Treas. Sunday Sch. Offg.	General	26.54	
1900				
Mar. 20.	Wm. White Jr.	Domestic	43.33	
" "	" "	Foreign	40.50	
" 28.	Treas. Indian Hope Assoc.	Indian	25 -	
Apr. 9.	Thos. Chaplain Pierce, A friend, Special for Chaplain Pierce's work Manila		5 -	
" 17.	Wm. White Jr. Indian 20. colored 25.73		45.73	
			2022.24	

1900	May 1.	Treas. Indian Hope Assoc.	Indian	202224
	" 2.	Wm. White Jr.	Domestic	2 -
	June 12.	Diocesan Treas. Sunday Sch. Offg. General		10 -
	Dec 5.	Wm. White Jr. thro. Bishop Whitaker Special for Bishop Kinsolving Texas		5244
1901	Jan 30.	Treas. Indian Hope Assoc.	Indian	28 -
	Mar. 8.	Wm. White Jr.,	Domestic	15 -
	Apr. 3.	Woman's Aux.	General	5023
	" "	Wm. White Jr. Sp. for Bishop Kinsolving Texas.		5 -
	" 22.	"	Foreign	25 -
	" 30.	"	Indian	6363
	May 1.	Treas. Indian Hope Assoc.	"	935
	June 1.	Diocesan Treas. Sunday School Offg. General		12 -
1902	Feb. 3.	Treas. Indian Hope Assoc.	Indian	5315
	Apr. 3.	Wm. White Jr.	Domestic	20 -
	" "	"	Foreign	6252
	May 29.	Diocesan Treas. Sunday Sch. Offg. General		2725
1903	Feb. 24.	Wm. White Jr.	Foreign	6570
	" 25.	"	Domestic	3678
	Mar 2.	"	Foreign	6139
	" 31.	"	Domestic	1268
	Apr. 1.	Treas. Indian Hope Assoc.	Indian	895
	May 27.	Diocesan Treas. Sunday Sch. Offg. General		5 -
1904	Feb. 11.	Wm. White Jr.	Domestic	70 -
	" "	"	Foreign	3844
	" 15	Woman's Aux. Sp. Foreign Insurance		623
	Mar 1	Wm. White Jr.	Foreign	4 -
	" 15	Treas. Indian Hope Assoc.	Indian	1451
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March 26th 1903.George C. Thomas Treas
for M.H.

\$2791 49

28 March, 1904.

Dear Sir:

On the 21st inst. I wrote you and asked you if you would kindly send me an itemized statement with dates of the annual amounts sent from Christ Church, Philadelphia, either by Thomas H. Montgomery or William White, Jr., Accounting Wardens, or the Rev. C. Ellis Stevens, M. D., D. C. L., Rector, for

1. Domestic missions;
2. Foreign missions;
3. Indian missions;
4. General missions.

*and 5 Jewish missions, if
this goes to you*

Each for the years 1891 to 1904, inclusive. This is a matter of much importance to us, and we should like to have the information as soon as possible. We appreciate that it may be considerable trouble for you to furnish this information. Could we kindly have a letter from you informing us when we might hope to receive the same? Regretting exceedingly the necessity of troubling you, I am,

Very truly yours,

George C. Thomas, Esqr., Treasurer,

Protestant Episcopal Church Mission House,

Fourth Avenue & 20th St.,

New York City.

28 March, 1904.

My dear George:

Enclosed I send you, as requested, copy of
those who have not been pow or seat holders for three
years prior to this Easter election, with dates.

Very truly yours,

George Thorton Pepper, Esqr.,
Land Title Building.

Miss A. S. Hover, September 30, 1901.

Henry C. Van Syckel, Jr., March 26, 1903.

Mrs. W. E. Ashton, February 18, 1904.

Mrs. Thomas G. Ashton, February 18, 1904.

Mrs. Charles P. Keith, March 1, 1904.

George H. Ball,

Mrs. George H. Ball, March 1, 1902. Paid on 24 May, 1902, \$10.50 for one-half year sitting and none since.

Dr. Charles S. Turnbull,

April 17, 1902.

Mrs. Chas. S. Turnbull,

Edward C. Clay, March 11, 1903.

Samuel R. Carter,

April 3, 1903.

Mrs. Samuel R. Carter,

Cyrus K. Maxmick, Curtis,

April 4, 1902.

Mrs. Cyrus K. Curtis,

Wm. McPherson Horner,

Mrs. Wm. McPherson Horner,

Mrs. Caleb W. Horner,

April 30, 1903.

Wm. McPherson Horner, Jr.,

Peter Townsend Horner,

Charles Este, February 6, 1904.

Seth Bunker Capp,

March 23, 1904.

Mrs. Seth Bunker Capp,

Mrs. Isaac Starr, March 2, 1903.

29 March, 1904.

My dear Sir:

Thank you very much for your favor of 28th inst. with itemized statement of all contributions from Christ Church from September 1st, 1891, to March 26th, 1904. The furnishing of this must have been considerable trouble to your office, and in behalf of Christ Church I beg to acknowledge your kindness in this matter. Believe me,

Very truly yours,

E. Walter Roberts, Esqr., Asst. Treasurer,

Church Missions House,

281 Fourth Ave., New York City.

Mr. Wm. White Jr.

Dear Sir-

Your communication of March, 28th is at hand. I expect to be at Christ Church on Monday next, to comply with the request of the Vestry.

Very truly yours

Mary L. Applebaugh.

520 Spruce St.

March 29th 1904.

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March 30, 1904.

William White, Jr., Esq.,
Arcade Building,
Philadelphia, Pa.

My Dear Sir:-

I thank you for yours of March 29th, enclosing list
in the Christ Church matter as requested.

Very truly yours,

Geo Pepper

2 April, 1904.

My dear John:

I enclose you herewith copy of a letter addressed to you and Mr. Keith, tellers, certifying that the only nominees for election of Vestrymen to be held on Monday are the nominees made by the Vestry, consisting of the present members thereof, and also am sending you herewith a list of those who are voters of Christ Church, calling your attention to the fact that the three names at the bottom, viz. Miss Elise Willing Balch, Edward S. Sayres and Hon. W. W. Wiltbank, are at the present time in arrears of pew rent and not entitled to vote until the same is made good, which could be at any time prior to depositing their ballots. The polls are open, as you know, from 12 o'clock until one, and everything will be in readiness at the Church. I would suggest that the list of voters I am sending you be used in order to tick off those who have cast their ballots. It has been carefully compared and is correct. I am sending a copy of this to Mr. Keith, and if there is any information you desire, I shall be happy to furnish you with the same.

Very truly yours,

John S. Newbold, Esqr.,

113 S. Fifth Street.

Philadelphia, March 29th, 1904.

To Charles P. Keith and John S. Newbold, Esqrs.,

Tellers of the election to be held at Christ Church
on Easter Monday, April 4th, 1904.

Dear Sirs:

I certify that under the By-Laws of this Church, the following named twelve gentlemen were duly posted, that no other names were posted, and that the said twelve are the only men eligible for election as Vestrymen:

John C. Da Costa, M. D.

Edward H. Coates

T. Hewson Bache, M. D.

Edward Coles

M. Russell Thayer

John E. Creth

R. Francis Wood

Clement B. Newbold

Charles P. Keith

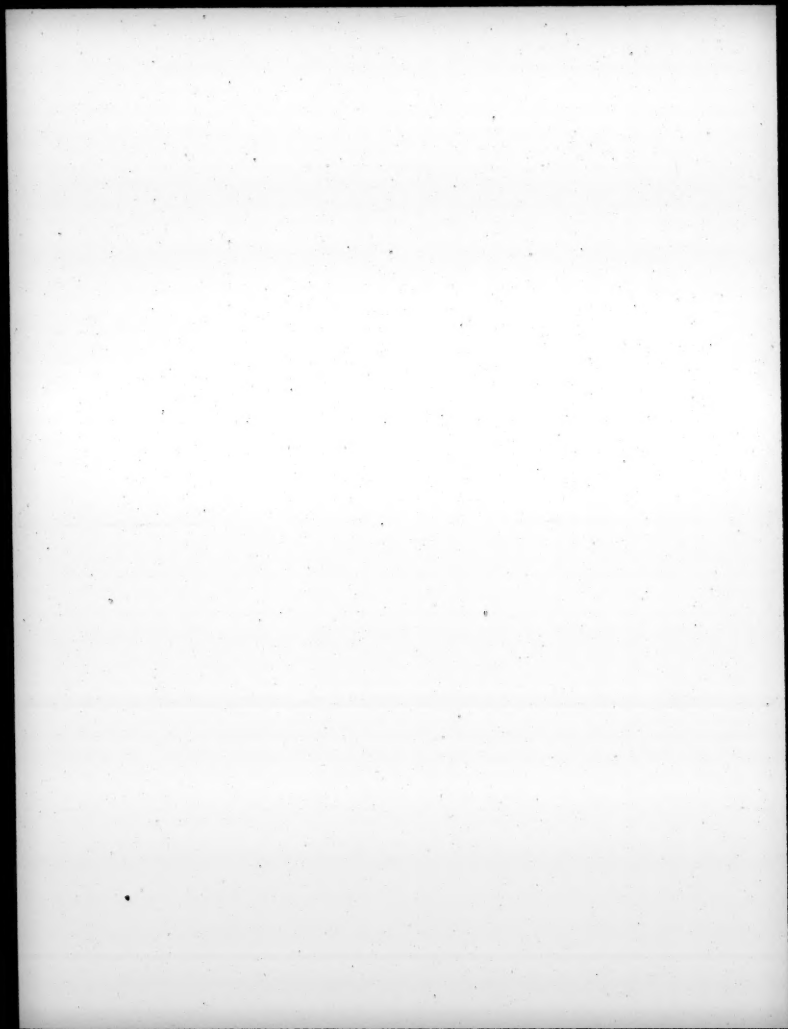
William White, Jr.

T. Hewson Bradford, M. D.

William Easterly Ashton, M. D.

Very truly yours,

Secretary of Christ Church Vestry.



126, SOUTH VAN PELT STREET
PHILADELPHIA.

My dear Mr. White :

I must congratulate
you, and all the Vestry,
upon the happy outcome
of the Church difficulty.
Cultly.

Indeed it makes
one take fresh hope for
the dear old Parish.

And now for a new rector!
May I put in a plea
that not too high a
churchman be chosen?
Dr. Stevens instituted two
or three changes which
are to me very distaste-
ful; and I should like
to see a return to the
old "use" at Christ Church.

With cordial regards,
and hearty congratulations,

Yours very sincerely,
Katharine D. Meredith.

April 14th, 1904.

*The Church House
of the
Diocese of Pennsylvania,
Twelfth and Walnut Streets.*

The Bishop's Rooms.

Philadelphia.

May 17,

1904.

Dear Mr. White:

I am in receipt of yours of the 14th with the Parochial Report of Christ Church for the year ending April 30, 1904.

I am also in receipt of a Report from Dr. Stevens, and a letter from him in which he wrote that he had not received the Parochial Report from the Accounting Warden, but did not like to wait longer for it, as he wished to send in his parochial report before the end of his Rectorship; but said that he would ask you to send it to me direct.

With Mr. Huff's help I think we can unite the two reports in such a way as to cover the whole ground.

Faithfully yours,

Arthur H. H. H. H. H.

Mr. Wm. White, Jr.

Accounting Warden.

(COPY)

Phila. May 18, 1904.

Dear Mr. White:

I am very glad I had opportunity to look over Dr. Stevens' memoranda -well might you say "apparent inaccuracies".

✓ Baptisms, Adults 11
✓ Infants 25

|| Neither are quite correct, but the total is actually 36.

Confirmed, Male, 38
Female, 22

|| Neither are quite correct, but the total is 50.

Xmas class, 16
Easter " , 34

Marriages, 8 correct.

Burials, 22 correct.

Public services were 154 actually, viz.

52 at 11 A. M.
43 at 4 P. M.
12 at 8.30 A. M.
44 on weekdays.
3 Church weddings.
154

His mem. of Sunday School is away off, ought not to be published. I gave him correctly,

2 Bible Classes, Officers & Teachers, 31

Scholars, 260
291

Note: || This includes 8 who served as teachers part of the year and left.

If you publish the Sunday School please make it correct, viz.:

2 Bible Classes, Officers and teachers, 23

Scholars, 260
Total, 283

The Communicant mem. is expanded both ways:

Item No. 1, Added new, 53 is correct, 50 by confirmation and 3 by renouncing Roman Church.

" 2, " by transfer, 74 possibly 4, minus 70, I only know of two. (74 is false).

" 3, Lost by death, 4 I think it more though not noted in the 22 burials

" 4, " transfer, 6 I know of 3 transfers, his number may be correct.

" 5, " revision of list, 124, last year he revised 14 by the Journal of Convention.

134 His figures show 7 less than last year of 602, and yet he makes it 605 total.

If you intend to publish this very soon, before we had time to go over all the list carefully, this is what I would suggest, take 70 of item No. 2 and add to item No. 5, making it 194. This is the way it would read. 602 last year's Journal of Convention.

Added new, 53
" by transfer, 4 57 659
Lost by death, 4
" by transfer, 6
" by rev. list, 194

204
455 say about 450.

I doubt very much with all the associated examinations, we could account for 400

The Parochial Classes are away off.

To think charitably, he may have had in mind the two classes that ended June 1, 1903, being one month in the year's report.

1 paid teacher, millinery, pupils say	10	} 25 in all 27.
1 " " dress making, " "	15	

Industrial class (Jan. to end of Apr. 1904) really sewing and kindergarten,

1 paid teacher, Mrs. Berry	} Less than 50 pupils. (Not 120 all told).
1 " " , Miss Turnbull	
1 " " , Miss Stevens	

It really should be reported about like this:

Parochial School classes, teachers 5, pupils 75, total 80

Last year he reported 4 teachers for millinery and dressmaking and 62 pupils. (Not true).

During the last winter he omitted the two classes in millinery and dress making in order to use the money for Mrs. Berry and the kindergarten sewing school.

I hope I have made this plain. Anything further command me.

Yours sincerely,

(Signed) R. Heber Barnes.

Copied from Dr. Stevens' List.

SPIRITUAL ITEMS, 1903-4.

Baptisms,	Adults,	11	
	Infants,	25	
	Total,		36
Confirmed,	Male,	38	
	Female,	22	
	Total,		50
Communicants,	Added new,	53	
	By transfer,	74	
	Died,	4	
	Removed by revision of list,	124	
	By transfer	6	
	Present number,		605
Marriages,			8
Burials,			22
Public services,			280
Sunday School and Bible Classes,			
	Teachers & officers,	35	
	Scholars,	341	
	Total,		376
Parochial School Classes,			
	Teachers,	5	
	Scholars,	120	
	Total,		125

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Philadelphia.

May 20.

1884.

My dear Mr. White:

Mr. Huff showed me your note and financial report, and the statement made to you by Mr. Barnes. I have gone over with Mr. Huff the arrangement which he had made of your report in connection with that made by Dr. Stevens, and I think that now all the details are properly arranged. It is evident that Dr. Stevens only reported the money that had passed through his hands, and you only reported that which had passed through your hands as Accounting Warden. I could not detect any contradiction in the statements. Each supplements the other.

As to the other part of the report: I notice there is a considerable difference between Dr. Stevens statement of the Sunday School and number of communicants, and that given by Mr. Barnes. It is not improbable that Mr. Barnes' report is more correct than the other. A revision of any report is likely to detect mistakes if any exist; but I doubt the wisdom of attempting to revise Dr. Stevens' report. It could only be done fairly by bringing him and Mr. Barnes together and hearing what each had to say for the figures that he had presented, and the result might not be pleasant or profitable. Dr. Stevens, as Rector, had the right to make the report of the spiritual side of the work. It belonged to him to do, and to no one else.

Mr. White. 2.

Of course it would be unfortunate if the Sunday School or the communicants were over numbered, but the correction would belong to whomever succeeds Dr. Stevens in the Rectorship. It seems to me best, therefore, to let that part of the report go in to the Journal as it was originally made.

Faithfully yours,

O. W. Whitaker

Mr. Wm. White, Jr.

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Philadelphia.

May 24,

1904.

Dear Mr. White:

I have your note of the 24th, and fear I did not express myself quite clearly in my letter to you. It is quite within your province to correct any error in the part of the Parochial Report which, in the nature of the case, must be made out by the Accounting Warden; but I do not understand that in Dr. Stevens' report there were any financial statements which you considered erroneous. My reference was to matters within the province of the Rector, and as I had no way of correcting his statements except by charging him with error, and as I did not like to provoke a controversy upon the subject, it seemed better to me to let the report go into the Journal as he had made it out. If his successor in the Rectorship should be unable to verify from his personal observation the statements made in the report for 1904, it would be proper for him to call attention to that fact in his first annual report.

Sincerely yours,

O. A. Whitaker

Mr. Wm. White, Jr.